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Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court, East taluk, notified by state govt back in 2003 yet to become reality even after two decades

JUSTICE DELAYED

Inauguration cancelled thrice in 2020, 2022, and on January 8, 2023

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If the frequent cancellation of the much-delayed and awaited Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court's inauguration is anything to go by, it seems the people of Bengaluru East taluk have to wait for some more time to benefit from the judiciary's motto of 'taking justice to the doorsteps of litigants'.

The state government notified (GO NO. LAW 12 LCE 2002) to establish the Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court in Bengaluru East taluk on December 2, 2003 but it is yet to become a reality even after two decades. The revenue department has allotted one acre and 20 guntas of land adjacent to the Bengaluru East taluk office to the Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court.

"The authorities decided to open the Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court on the premises of state government treasury and sub-registrar office situated at KR Puram Market (Santhe) but later decided to relocate near ITI Colony Circle due to

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"The court building is equipped with required infra; rent of Rs 32,000 is being paid to PWD from judicial department every month till date

— Muniyappa, president, Bangalore East Taluk Advocates' Association

Kids play by the book

Library set up 13 years ago is now a collective effort of hundreds of children

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Just 28 km from the Bengaluru city is a library curated and managed by children, for children.

The library in Chagaletti village started by 10 children with the help of Child Rights' Trust NGO has now grown to a collective effort of hundreds of children.

"The library is by the children, for the children, and to the children... There are four kinds of child rights - right to life, right to protection, right to development and right to participation. The library fulfils the children's right to participation," explained Nagasimha G Rao, director, Child Rights Trust (CRT).

The library was set up almost 13 years ago in August 2010; it has grown and has been recognised over the years, Rao said.

"When we started the library back in 2010, there were 200-odd books. Now the collection has grown to almost 10,000 books of various categories and genres... Children themselves collect these books, invite the members and distribute these books. They have also raised funds for the library. They collect old newspapers from homes, get donations from businesses, etc," he told Bangalore Mirror.

The books in the library have been organised by the children as per reading level and age group. The facility received the state award for best community library; besides, it was adjudged the best library among 125 libraries across India.

"Now the children involved in the management of the library have been

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 DJing this season

House party series is going to bring DJ Chan and Synths Back to convey a fabulous music mix for Bengalureans this month. Chan is known to cater dance oriented music like disco, UK garage, drum and bass, house and more. Abhishek Chanda, also known as Synths Back produced 'Luna', his single in 2018, and is known to create a fusion of futuristic house music, afro grooves and vintage synth.
Where: Sly Granny, 12th Main Indiranagar, above Namdharis; When: Saturday, February 25; 8 pm

02 Handmade beauties

Grab a chance to visit a vibrant exhibition organised by the artisans from various parts of the country at Basaveshwara Nagar. Handloom and Handicraft Expo displays a variety of handmade products like fabrics, jewellery, furniture, bedsheets, marble, wooden toys, Rajasthani traditional palm leaf phad paintings, banjara bags, Kalamkari prints and more.
Where: Sri Avani Sringeri Shankar Mutt, west of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Basaveshwara Nagar
When: February 20 to 25; 10:30 am to 8:30 pm

03 For good cause

The Organisation for Rare Diseases India (ORDI) is conducting RaceFor7. The 8th edition of the event aims to raise awareness for the rare disease community, and favour finer policies and ways to the treatment of patients. The event is open for everybody and will see an active participation from rare disease patients and their family members. **Where: St Joseph's Indian High School, opposite to UB City**
When: Sunday, February 26; 8:30 am

Special instruction: Just for examination

High Court issues interim order to allow 9th standard student to attend final exam; two siblings were harassed on school premises, says parent

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The Karnataka High Court has issued an interim order to a prestigious school in the city to allow a 9th standard student to write the examinations commencing from Monday.

Hearing a petition filed by Harishankar on behalf of his son Udhayan, the High Court has issued a notice to the school and to the Department of Education to appear in the court during the next hearing posted on February 24.

Harishankar, who filed a writ petition in the High Court on behalf of his two children, plead the court to grant an interim order to stay the letter of suspension issued by respondent No 8, and direct the respondent No 8 to allow the petitions to attend their annual examinations in a good and cordial atmosphere without fear and threat by anybody on the school premises, in the interest of justice and equity.

According to a document available with Bangalore Mirror, the Principal of the ICSE school in Bannerghatta, Bengaluru, sent an email to Harishankar on Friday informing him about the Grade IX final examination scheduled for the academic year 2022-2023 from February 20, 2023.

The school had placed siblings under suspension studying in class 9th and 10th on November 19, 2022

"Hence send your ward of Grace IX C to write the final examination, parents are required to drop and pick up their ward – School's email

"Hence send your ward Mst Yedidya of Grace IX C to write the final examination, parents are required to drop and pick up their ward from the school as per the examination schedule. For further detail refer to the School Parent Portal MCB for the examination schedule," the principal had written in the email to Harishankar.

According to the complaint by Harishankar, the school had placed his sons under suspension studying 9th standard and 10th standard on November 19, 2022.

The Karnataka State Commissioner for the Protection of Child Rights ordered an inquiry against the school after it suspended two students.

Harishankar said that his two children were being harassed in the school for one-and-half years.

Chandrayaan-3 passes all crucial tests to fly

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Sunday said that the 'Chandrayaan-3' lander has 'successfully' undergone the Electro-Magnetic Interference/ Electro-Magnetic Compatibility (EMI/EMC) test between January 31 and February 2 at the UR Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru.

The EMI/EMC test is conducted for satellite missions to ensure the functionality of the satellite subsystems in the space environment and their compatibility with the expected electromagnetic levels, said ISRO. This test is a major milestone in the realisation of the satellites.

According to the space agency, Chandrayaan-3 interplanetary mission has three major modules. They are - the Propulsion module, Lander module and Rover, and the mission's complexity calls for establishing radio-frequency (RF) communication links between the modules.

"During the Chandrayaan-3 lander EMI/EC test, launcher compatibility, antenna polarisation of all RF systems, standalone auto compatibility tests for orbital and powered descent mission phases, and Lander and Rover compatibility tests for post landing mission phase were ensured. The performance of the systems was satisfactory," it added. The Chandrayaan-3 is a follow-on mission to Chandrayaan-2 to demonstrate end-to-end capability in safe landing and roving on the lunar surface.

It consists of Lander and Rover configuration, and will be launched by GSLV MkIII from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota.

The propulsion module will carry the Lander and Rover configuration till 100 km lunar orbit. The propulsion module has Spectro-polarimetry of Habitable Planet Earth (SHAPE) payload to study the spectral and polarimetric measurements of earth from the lunar orbit.

The Lander payloads have Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) to measure the thermal conductivity and temperature; instrument for lunar seismic activity (ILSA) for measuring the seismicity around the landing site; langmuir probe (LP) to estimate the plasma density and its variations. A passive Laser Retroreflector Array from NASA is accommodated for lunar laser ranging studies.

The Rover payloads have an alpha particle X-ray spectrometer (APXS) and laser induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS) for deriving the elemental composition in the vicinity of the landing site.

In 2019, India's maiden attempt to land a rover on the moon was unsuccessful. The Chandrayaan-3 is likely to be launched in June. **– PTI**

Public spat between bureaucrats

It turned out to be an ugly spat between bureaucrats in the city on Sunday. IPS officer D Roopa Moudgil stirred a debate on Sunday with a series of messages on social media where she targeted IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri, alleging series of corruption charges against the latter.

In fact, Roopa wondered why Sindhuri was trying to broker peace with JDS MLA SR Mahesh after making allegations against him earlier. Roopa also released a series of pictures of Sindhuri which the IPS officer had allegedly sent to many other bureaucrats.

According to Roopa, she sent a detailed report to the officials in the government and has sought a detailed probe. Reacting to this, Sindhuri rubbished charges, terming them as baseless and said that the IPS officer had stooped to a low level to settle personal scores. Sindhuri also sent a note to the media not to air the photos sent by Roopa as they were her personal photos.

Meanwhile, CM said that he had nothing to do with the issue. **— BMB**

Toxicity: Little fires everywhere

Is it the dry weather? Or is it arson? Whatever the reason, citizens just want smoke-spewing blazes to be doused

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The burning of trees in Bhoganahalli has been bothering residents staying in the area. They say that the act is not just harming trees, but the toxic fumes are also creating various problems for them.

They said that they are not sure about who started the fire, but they want such activities to stop immediately. Sudhir Naik, a resident of the area, said, "This is causing quite a lot of problems in the area. A lot of smoke is being produced from the fire as it is a large one, causing inconveniences for all the residents here. There are kids and senior citizens living in the vicinity and the smoke is particularly harmful for them."

Ashwin Kumar, another resident, said, "It was very sad to see all the trees being set on fire. The cause and purpose for this is not known by me, but all I can say is that it is creating problems for everyone. The trees are getting destroyed and the people are developing breathing problems. Moreover, the birds in the area are also flying away because of the heavy smoke. If there are no trees in the area, there is no chance for them to come back again."

Sunil Govind, also a resident, said that controlled burning of shrubs is good as it prevents the growth of unwanted weeds and kills harmful insects, but this did not look like that to him. He said that the worst thing about the entire incident was locals not knowing the purpose for it. The question of what would be done with the area after the trees are burnt was also playing on his mind. He added that locals want answers to all these questions.

Some residents stated that the health problems they were facing were induced by the heavy smoke. Harish M, one such resident, said, "I have asthma and the heavy smoke is causing a lot of inconvenience for me. I was having breathing difficulties and had to keep the windows closed to make sure the smoke did not come inside my house. My neighbours are also facing problems because of this."

Another resident told Bangalore Mirror that their children were having an allergic reaction to the smoke. They said that their eyes had turned red and were itching. "There must be some action to stop this kind of activity," they added.

A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official said that they would investigate the incident.

Hazy blaze: In Bhoganahalli, thick smoke hangs in the air as shrubs and small trees are set afire

Up in flame: Meanwhile a huge blaze raged on at the Bangalore University Biodiversity Park on Sunday evening, creating much panic among residents of areas nearby

"I have asthma and the heavy smoke is causing a lot of inconvenience for me. I was having breathing difficulties and had to keep the windows closed to make sure the smoke did not enter the house

Constable attacked: 'You come to my area and tell me what to do?'

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In a strange incident, a police constable was assaulted by a civilian for questioning him for wrong parking. A case on the assault has been registered in Cottonpet police station.

The police constable had seen a man sitting on his bike in the middle of the road and creating traffic blockage. He went up to him and asked him to remove the bike. This ticked the man off and he is said to have abused the constable. The accused allegedly called his friends to the stop and tried to harass the policeman.

The man was on a bike, and he had parked in the middle of the road to talk on the phone. Seeing the traffic getting affected, the constable who was travelling after work in a car, asked the person to move his bike. To which, the accused retorted "You come to my area and tell me what to do?"

The constable has filed a complaint regarding the incident which took place on the night of February 15. Police said that a case has been registered against seven people including the bike rider.

"An FIR has been registered against the accused and proper action will be taken against the people who are involved. The policeman was not wearing a body camera at that time, so the incident wasn't recorded. Action against the accused will be taken based on the present law, to prevent anything like this from happening again," DCP West, Laxman B Nimbargi told BM.

Man kills self after wife leaves home over row

CRIME FILES

A person is said to have died by suicide due to a family dispute in Shanubhoganahalli near Bannerghatta on the outskirts of the city.

The victim has been identified as Rajesh, 35. Rajesh was a Ganesha idol maker by profession. He had been married for 10 years and was living with her and their two sons. The couple had been living without any family dispute for the past 10 years, it is said.

According to the police, Rajesh had recently become an alcoholic.

"He used to come drunk every day and start harassing his wife to get dowry. Rajesh attacked his wife many times for this. Just a week ago, he again quarreled with his wife over dowry and attacked her. Rajesh had threatened that she would not be allowed inside the house without bringing dowry. So, the wife went home," said the police.

Rajesh is then said to have died by suicide on Saturday night. After getting information, the police reached the spot and conducted an investigation. The body was sent to Victoria Hospital in the city. At present, a case has been registered in the Bannerghatta police station and the investigation is going on.

Missing man found dead

A man's body was found in Jnanabharathi police station limits. The deceased Nagesh had left his wife and is said to have been in a relationship with another woman. His wife is said to have found out about this relation and is said to have got into a fight with both of them. Fearing his wife, Nagesh vacated his house and escaped with his girlfriend. In this regard, the wife complained that her husband was missing in Kumbalgodu police station, and the police had registered a missing case.

Meanwhile, Nagesh, who had gone missing, was found dead in Vishweshwaraiah Layout under Jnanabharathi Police Station. The police visited the spot.

He bought phone, then killed delivery boy

A young man in Hassan allegedly stabbed an e-commerce delivery boy to death as he did not have money to pay for a second-hand iPhone he had ordered online, police said on Sunday.

Police sources said the accused, who has been arrested, had stored the body in a gunny bag at his home for three days before he managed to shift it out and burn it. The incident occurred on February 7 in Arsikere town. According to the police, Hemanth Dutt, 20, had recently placed an order for a second-hand iPhone on an e-commerce portal. When the instrument was delivered to his home by Hemanth Naik, the accused asked him to wait inside while he went to get the money from another room. Instead, the accused allegedly returned with a knife and stabbed the delivery boy several times, killing him. The crime was solved with the help of CCTV footage that showed the accused had transported the body on his two-wheeler, and bought petrol for burning it.

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In black for roll back

Clad in black, locals walk around Sankey Tank against proposed flyover

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The residents said that they wore black to match with the cormorants of Sankey Tank who will lose their habitat if the flyover/road widening project is taken up; the march took place on Sunday morning

The walkway around Sankey Tank was blanketed in a sea of black on Sunday morning as hundreds of residents from Malleswaram and nearby areas took part in a silent march against the 600-meter-long proposed flyover in the area. Donning black, the residents arrived at the lake at 8 am and conducted an hour-long march around the perimeter of the water body.

Organised by Citizens for Sankey, a collective of residents from Sadashivanagar, Malleshwaram, and Vyalikaval, the highlight of the protest was not involving chanting of slogans or raising banners.

"We are twinning up with cormorants of Sankey, who will lose their habitat if the flyover or road widening project is given a go-ahead. We do not want it to be a slogan-raising event, but a protest where the concerned citizens can come together and show their despair. The trees proposed to be felled are heritage trees that act as tremendous carbon sinks and compensatory plantation will not help," said Lakshmi Sharath, a resident of Sadashivanagar. Residents of all age groups joined the march in agreement that citizens deserve better thought-out solutions.

"I live in Malleshwaram and have a young daughter. I want to ensure that Malleshwaram continues to be a livable place for her and others of her generation. Nearly 55 trees being cut to give way to cars is not want the residents want. Removing these trees will be akin to removing the lungs of the area," said Vinuta Gopal, another resident.

The project, in the past few weeks, has received stiff opposition from locals. According to the Sadashivanagar Resident Welfare Association, over 91 per cent of residents have voted against it. Moreover, thousands of schoolchildren have also reached out to the Chief Minister through hand-written postcards, requesting him to stop this project. Hundreds have written to the Forest cell of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and over 27,000 people have signed an online petition against the project.

"We have come together to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of cutting trees for improving infrastructure that will only promote private modes of transport.

> **"Mobility experts have confirmed that the proposed project will not solve traffic issues. We wanted to make sure that we are heard**
> – Madhusudan Krishnapuram, resident

Even mobility experts have confirmed that the proposed project will not solve the traffic issues. We wanted to make sure that we are heard and consulted before the city planners take up any such projects in the future," said Madhusudan Krishnapuram, a resident of Sadashivanagar.

The residents also went around the lake area, walking on the pavements and putting up banners on houses and apartment complexes with the message to save the water body, trees, and the general ecosystem.

Around 10-12 flags were put up by the walkers on individual houses and apartments.

Road digging cycle is vicious here

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The recently white topped stretch between Madhav Rao Circle and Sajjan Rao Circle being dug up once again

A recently white topped stretch between Madhav Rao Circle and Sajjan Rao Circle has reportedly been dug up again by authorities, leaving residents and commuters in the area upset.

They said that digging up a newly white topped road was pointless. Anand Rai, one of the residents, said, "This kind of behaviour is completely unacceptable. If there is any pending work, the authorities should complete that before tarring or white topping a road.

They should not keep digging the road for no reason and create unnecessary inconvenience for residents and commuters who use the stretch."

Locals fear that the authorities will take a long time to complete the road work. Anil Kumar, another resident, told Bangalore Mirror, "The residents should be given prior notice about any work that the authorities are planning to undertake so that they can be prepared with alternatives.

The authorities should also mention the kind of work they are doing along with the time they would require to complete the same."

Commuters said that commuting via this road has once again turned into a problem for them. Chetan Manohar, a commuter, said, "Riding through this road has become a task again. Because of the digging, the space on the road has reduced.

There will be traffic jams and commotion in the area. Moreover, we have no idea about when the work will get over. We also do not know if the rest of the road will be damaged. These are all results of poor planning."

Vishal Mali, also a resident, expressed similar concerns as other locals. Now that the road has been dug, he has no idea as to when the authorities will take initiatives to fix it for the public. It is a bigger problem for the residents staying closer to the road as it is right in front of their house, he added.

Another resident, on the account of being anonymous, said, "The same has been happening in a lot of places. There should be some sort of governing body that can track these activities so that residents can be saved from inconveniences."

When BM tried contacting a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official, he was unreachable.

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Pavement parking

Linden Street

Vehicles are parked permanently on the footpath in Linden Street, Victoria Layout.

Roadblock

KR Puram

Vendors in KR Puram market are blocking the road.

Drain pain

Kasavanahalli

This drain cover in front of Reliance Fresh in Kasavanahalli is causing pedestrians to trip and fall.

Cracks in Cubbon Park, BBMP's sense of duty

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It seems that government agencies responsible for the maintenance of roads do not respond to their fellow departments. In yet another case of official apathy, horticulture department officials had to resort to fixing a road all by themselves when the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) did not jump to action.

A German national visiting Cubbon Park pointed out that the road passing through the park in front of the prestigious Vidhana Soudha had developed cracks. 2-feet-wide and 15-feet-long cracks had developed on the stretch and were reportedly highlighted to BBMP officials on multiple occasions.

"I came from Germany to visit India and sadly fell in this nice park. I hope this is the last accident here. The road is broken and the authorities need to fix it," said the foreign national in a video shared by a pedestrian.

After the video was circulated, horticulture officials rushed to the spot and fixed the area on Saturday night itself. "We have fixed the road right after the accident. It was supposed to be fixed by BBMP or the PWD department and we had made requests in writing and verbally. However, no action was taken until yesterday. This is why we decided to fix the road ourselves," said the Deputy Director of Cubbon Park, HT Balakrishna.

However, walkers are still upset about the poor quality of maintenance at Cubbon Park that is often described by Bengalureans as the 'lungs of the city'. "The horticulture department is being lax in saving Cubbon Park. There is no proper maintenance or security in the park. The guard is permitting passage of heavy vehicles through the park," said Umesh Kumar, president of Cubbon Park Walkers Association.

A German national pointed out the cracks that had developed on the road

City needs better water management

29 per cent of water supplied to Bengaluru is wasted everyday

The BWSSB has a target to supply water to 12.9 million people, including citizens residing in 110 villages

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"The BWSSB requires Rs 800 crore for replacing old pipes. As this will be a financial burden for them, the replacement will be taken up in a phased manner – CM Bommai

Water is precious, especially in a city like Bengaluru which has to depend on the distant Cauvery River to meet its water requirements. A shocking report has found that 29 per cent of the water supplied to the city is wasted everyday.

According to the latest data, four per cent of water leakage is due to poor upkeep of public taps, five per cent is wasted during the process of supplying it to homes, another five per cent wasted due to faulty instruments, and four per cent is wasted in slums. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) also suffers from five per cent of water leakage as transmission loss due to usage of old/dilapidated underground reservoirs.

The ever-increasing traffic on roads is also increasing water leakage as the pipes are getting damaged due to heavy vehicular movement. Around six per cent is wasted due to faulty pipes laid under roads with high vehicular density. While the BWSSB blames traffic for leakage, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) blames the BWSSB for road damage that happens due to faulty pipes beneath.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who holds the Bengaluru development portfolio, said that 1,450 MLD of water is supplied to Bengaluru on a daily basis under various phases of the Cauvery scheme (135 MLD in the first phase, 140 MLD in the second, 325 MLD in the third, 300 MLD in the first stage of the fourth phase, and 550 MLD in second stage of the fourth phase). The CM said that BWSSB spends Rs 41 for supplying one kilolitre of water, which includes water purification, chemicals, electricity bills, infrastructure cost, and salaries. Currently, Cauvery water is supplied to 10.64 lakh households in the city and BWSSB earns Rs 3.83 crore via water bills.

Bommai said that BWSSB has taken up work worth Rs 654 crore in the city to plug leakages. "There are plans to replace the 600, 675, and 900 mm-diametre CI pipes laid in the city 40 to 50 years ago. However, the BWSSB requires a whopping Rs 800 crore for replacing the old pipes. As this will be a financial burden for them, the replacement will be taken up in a phased manner," he said.

He further said that as per the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) manual, water wastage should be less than 15 per cent. The manual states that data on the total quantum of water supplied to consumers should be based on the water supplied to the distribution system (ex-treatment plant and including purchased water, if any), less physical losses of water in the transmission and distribution system through leakages.

The BWSSB has a target to supply water to 12.9 million people (including 110 villages), and the water is being served for 575 square km. The total length of the water supply pipelines are 8,746 km. There are 57 (885 ML) ground level reservoirs, 36 (33 ML) overhead tanks, 62 booster pumping stations, and 68 water tank lorries. The quantity of water supplied per month is 42,200 ML and the average per capita consumption of water is 108 litre per capita per day.

Cong slams 'diversion games' of BJP

After the hijab row, the Karnataka BJP is now digging into history to bring out skeletons from the closet, and the latest is Tipu Sultan whom the BJP leaders are trying to turn into an issue ahead of the Assembly polls.

The Congress termed it a diversionary tactic as it has indicated that it will only talk about the failures of the current BJP government and the corruption issue in the state.

Congress leader in the Karnataka Legislative Council BK Hariprasad said: "They are comparing Tipu Sultan with Savarkar. Tipu Sultan was a freedom fighter who fought against Britishers and Savarkar supported Britishers. "

But most of the AICC leaders want to focus on governance and alleged that the Bommai govern-

BJP is digging into history to bring out skeletons from the closet - the latest being Tipu Sultan

ment is a "40 per cent commission" government.

Randeep Surjewala, general secretary in-charge of Karnataka, said, "The illegitimate Bommai govt built on the foundation of defection and corruption has become a curse for Brand Karnataka. As the tenure of 'Brashtasura' Bommai government comes to an end it leaves behind an unending trail of broken promises and shattered dreams as also brazen loot of public money."

The BJP's leaders are raking up the issue of Tipu Sultan to polarise the political game as the state goes to the polls in the next few months. Karnataka minister for higher education CN Ashwath Narayan stirred a controversy on Thursday with his controversial statement to "finish off" Opposition leader Siddaramaiah.

Hariprasad said, "It is nothing but an attempt to communalise." He added that the BJP has lost the play due to corruption and misgovernance and it is making a last ditch effort to stay relevant in the state's politics. –IANS

Come to grips with plastic pollution

Large number of people contribute to plastic waste by preferring plastic water bottles provided by event organisers in stadiums and playgrounds

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Kanteerava Stadium, the largest sporting complex in Bengaluru, is known for hosting many sports events and has a number of athletes coming everyday to get trained. However, with many events hosted at the stadium, huge trash is generated after the events and is left unattended. Recently, the Ploggers Army took the initiative to clean up the trash generated at the stadium.

Despite the plastic ban, there is still lack of awareness. Large number of used paper cups and plates were found on the premises. It is not even picked and cleared as there is no resale value for it.

On other hand, a large number of people are still seen using the plastic packed water bottles. As these bottles are sold at Rs 10, people tend to buy and carry it at places. It has been found that in many playgrounds and stadiums, the number of plastic bottles generated as waste is very high. Even many event organisers continue to provide them to the participants.

With the aim to spread awareness among the youth, the Ploggers Army is targeting the playgrounds and stadiums to clear out the dry waste as large crowds gather at these places and mostly it is the youth who are the participants.

The aim remains to spread awareness on stop using plastics and keep the surroundings clean by not littering the public spaces.

On Wednesday, the team went to the Kanteerava Stadium post an event and witnessed a horrible state where huge amounts of dry waste were thrown within the premises.

Ploggers Army ended up collecting about 10 kg of trash in Kanteerava Stadium

> **Despite the plastic ban, single use plastic bottles are still not banned. We see the sales of these bottles everywhere. People should carry their own bottles** –Raj, Ploggers Army

"On Wednesday it was horrible. A lot of garbage was there at the entry gates and even within the premises. There were huge crowds and trash strewn everywhere. We decided to clean up the area and ended up collecting about 10 kg of trash," said Raj from Ploggers Army.

In order to ensure that it doesn't continue, the army carried out a clean-a-thon at the stadium on Sunday.

"We found that predominantly it was all single use plastics and paper cups littered in the corners of the stadium. The authorities of the stadium also joined hands to clear up the premises. The scenario was better than Wednesday. However, we could still see trash in some corners of the stadium. We plog as a fitness activity, where we walk and then run, and carry it out with cleaning up the environment," he explained.

The stadiums and parks are often found to generate more plastic bottles.

"Despite the fact that plastic is banned, single use plastic bottles are still not banned. We see the sales of these bottles everywhere. People do not bring their own bottle but instead get the bottles from the stores or pick up the water bottles provided by the event organisers," he informed.

Hence, the army is trying to spread awareness amongst the people so that they start bringing their own bottles for use and stop throwing used bottles within the premises. When people bring their own bottles, they tend to take it back home, and no waste is generated, he added.

Awaiting justice, 2 decades on

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unhygienic conditions at the Santhe; subsequently, it was decided to open it at KR Puram Housing Cooperative Society building. However, once again, it was shifted to the newly constructed taluk office building in the year 2007," said Bangalore East Taluk Advocates' Association president M Muniyappa.

Muniyappa stated that the inauguration of the Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court was cancelled thrice – in 2020, 2022, and on January 8, 2023. "The court building, the ground floor of the Bengaluru East taluk office Building, is equipped with the required amenities and infrastructure and rent (Rs 32,000 including electricity and water) is being paid to the PWD from the Judicial Department every month till date," said Muniyappa.

The High Court of Karnataka, in a notification dated August 1, 2022, posted Metropolitan Magistrate (Traffic Court-IV), Bengaluru City as Civil Judge & JMFC, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru rural district. Prior to this, chief administrative officer of District & Sessions Court, Bengaluru rural district wrote a letter on July 29, 2022 to the PWD executive engineer, KR Circle directing him to provide electricity, water, toilets and other amenities for the court building by the evening of July 31, 2022 as the Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court was scheduled for inauguration on August 1, 2022. But the inaugural function was cancelled.

Once again, the chief administrative officer of District & Sessions Court, Bengaluru rural district wrote a letter on January 4, 2023 to the PWD executive engineer, KR Circle, directing him to facilitate electricity, water, toilets and other amenities for the court building by the evening of January 7, 2023 as the Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court was scheduled for inauguration on January 8, 2023. However, once again the inauguration got cancelled.

KB Sadha Shivappa, an advocate & notary public from KR Puram, said the proposed Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court would benefit litigants from KR Puram East, Mahadevapura and other panchayat villages. "It will avoid litigants and advocates wasting time and money to commute all the way to the city from Mahadevarapura, KR Puram and other areas. The establishment of the court will enable the judiciary to take justice to the doorsteps of the litigants," said Shivappa.

Chair broken before use

The authorities concerned have provided the entire necessary infrastructure including chairs, witness boxes, and attorney tables. The Judge's official chamber is equipped with all amenities. There is a record room to store all court files. However, one of the chairs was found broken and dumped in the corridor. If the condition of the broken and abandoned brand new chair is any indication, it's anybody's guess how long the chairs provided in the courtroom will last. The other shocking thing is that one of the boards put up at the entrance of the tahsildar's office is already broken and displaced.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Flower wars

During CM Basavaraj Bommai's last budget of the current government, the Congress party leaders were spotted with flowers on their ears as they wanted to convey the message that the government should not fool people. Once the budget session was over, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar and former CM BS Yediyurappa were seen in the corridors. Yediyurappa took out the flower from Shivakumar's ears with a smile and said that this was not right. However, in the same sporting spirit, DKS snatched the flower from BSY to place it back on his ears.

Netas and superstitions

Many of the politicians are superstitious. For these netas, spotting animals or birds on their vehicles can be either good or bad signs, depending on their beliefs. Earlier, there were rumours that a former Chief Minister would have a tough time politically after a crow was spotted on his car. However, the latest to be in the spot is Honnali MLA Renukacharya. He spotted a langur on his car and many wondered whether this would bring good or ill luck. However, Renukacharya was visibly happy that his car was used by a primate. In fact, he went a step ahead and even offered an apple. As elections are around the corner, only time will tell whether it is a good or bad sign.

Mission secrecy

There is a craze for Tamil actor Rajinikanth among his fans in Bengaluru and his visit to Bengaluru creates a lot of buzz. However, many times his visits are shrouded in secrecy and his visit is known only after a few days. Recently, Rajinikanth was spotted at his elder brother's house where he attended a family programme. According to the sources, the visit was so secretive that even the neighbours had no clue that Rajinikanth was next door till they saw pictures going viral on social media.

Viral mania

We don't often get to see college lecturers in viral instagram reels. However, recently a professor of the Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences was part of social media reels where he and students were seen dancing to popular Hindi numbers. When the college administration was contacted for reaction, sources said that it was a healthy practice in campuses as these kinds of fun activities act as a stress buster in courses. — BMB

Pay-for-Insta model
Instagram may be planning to offer a paid subscription model called 'Meta Verified', reports suggest

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Legal shield to Big Tech in spotlight

US supreme court to determine fate of legal provision that prevents lawsuits against platforms over content posted by users

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Islamic State gunmen killed American college student Nohemi Gonzalez as she sat with friends in a Paris bistro in 2015, one of several attacks on a Friday night in the French capital that left 130 people dead.

Her family's lawsuit claiming YouTube's recommendations helped the Islamic State group's recruitment is at the center of a closely watched Supreme Court case being argued Tuesday about how broadly a law written in 1996 shields tech companies from liability.

The law, known as Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, is credited with helping create today's internet.

A related case, set for arguments Wednesday, involves a terrorist attack at a nightclub in Istanbul, Turkey, in 2017 that killed 39 people and prompted a suit against Twitter, Facebook and Google, which owns YouTube.

The tech industry is facing criticism for not doing enough to remove harmful content from the internet and from the right for censoring conservative speech.

Now, the high court is poised to take its first hard look at online legal protections.

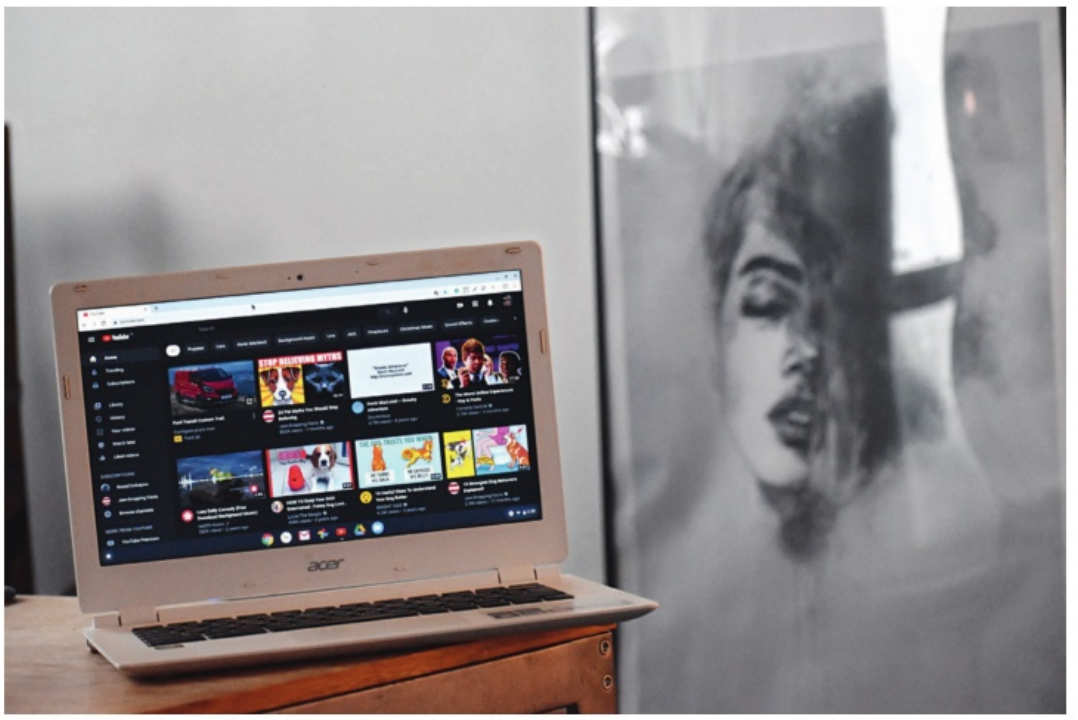
A win for Gonzalez's family could wreak havoc on the internet, say Google and its many allies.

Yelp, Reddit, Microsoft, Craigslist, Twitter and Facebook are among the companies warning that searches for jobs, restaurants and merchandise could be restricted if those social media platforms had to worry about being sued over the recommendations they provide and their users want.

"Section 230 underpins a lot of aspects of the open internet," said Neal Mohan, who was just named senior vice president and head of YouTube.

Gonzalez's family, partially backed by the Biden administration, argues that lower courts' industry-friendly interpretation of the law has made it too difficult to hold Big Tech companies accountable. Freed from the prospect of being sued, companies have no incentive to act responsibly, critics say. They are urging the court to say that companies can be sued in some instances.

Beatriz Gonzalez, Nohemi's mother, said she barely uses the internet, but hopes the case results in it becoming harder for extremist groups to access social media.



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Her daughter was a 23-year-old senior at California State University, Long Beach, who was spending a semester in Paris studying industrial design. Her last communication with her mother was a mundane exchange about money via Facebook, two days before the attacks, Gonzalez said.

The legal arguments have nothing to do with what happened in Paris. Instead, they turn on the reading of a law enacted "at the dawn of the dot-com era," as Justice Clarence Thomas, a critic of broad legal immunity, wrote in 2020. When the law was passed, 5 million people used AOL, then a leading online service provider, Tom Wheeler, the former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, recalled at a recent conference at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Facebook has 3 billion users today, Wheeler said.

> **"Industry-friendly look at the law has made it tough to hold Big Tech accountable. Freed from prospect of being sued, firms have no incentive to act responsibly**

The law was drafted in response to a state court decision that held an internet company could be liable for a post by one of its users in an online forum.

The law's basic purpose was "to protect Internet platforms' ability to publish and present user-generated content in real time, and to encourage them to screen and remove illegal or offensive content," its authors, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and former Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., wrote in a Supreme Court filing.

Groups supporting the Gonzalez family say companies have not done nearly enough to control content in the areas of child sexual abuse, revenge porn and terrorism, especially in curbing computer algorithms' recommendation of that content to users. They also say that courts have read the law too broadly.

"Congress never could have anticipated when it passed Section 230 that the internet would develop in the ways it has and that it would be used by terrorists in the ways it has," said Mary McCord, a former Justice Department official.

Mohan said YouTube is able to keep people from seeing almost anything that violates the company's rules, including violent, extremist content. Just 1 video in 1,000 makes it past the company's screeners, he said.

Recommendations have emerged as the focus of the Supreme Court case. Google and its supporters argue that even a narrow ruling for the family would have far-reaching effects. "Recommendation algorithms are what make it possible to find the needles in humanity's largest haystack," Kent Walker and Google's other lawyers wrote to the Supreme Court. "If we undo Section 230, it would break a lot of the internet tools," Walker said in an interview.

Some sites might take down a lot of legitimate content in a display of excessive caution. Emerging forces and marginalised communities are most likely to suffer from such a heavy hand, said Daphne Keller of the Stanford Cyber Policy Center, who joined with the American Civil Liberties Union in support of Google.

The justices' own views on the issue are largely unknown, except for Thomas'. He suggested in 2020 that limiting the companies' immunity would not devastate them. **– AP**

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CYBER ATTACK

With the rise in Internet penetration and use of digital banking in the country, the number of cyber attacks or cyber security incidents in India have gone up multiple times. Data accessed by IANS show cyber security incidents related to government institutions have increased significantly, particularly in 2022. As many as 54,314, 48,285 and 1,92,439 cyber security incidents related to government agencies, institutions and undertakings were observed during the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively.

According to data, total number of cyber security incidents spiked to 11,58,208 in 2020 and further increased to 14,02,809 in 2021. **IANS**

NO LAYOFFS HERE

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is not considering any layoffs as it believes in grooming talent for longer careers once it hires an employee, a top official has said.

The company is also looking to hire startup employees who have lost their jobs, its chief Human Resources officer Milind Lakkad told PTI in an interview.

The comments have come amid IT companies, including big tech giants, the world over laying off people due to a slew of reasons. "We don't do that (layoffs), we believe in grooming talent in the company…(there will be) no layoffs," Lakkad said. **PTI**

360-DEGREE MEETING

Google has launched several new 360-degree video backgrounds for Meet users on Mobile for both iOS and Android. "Meet users on mobile can use several new 360-degree video backgrounds. These backgrounds -- which include a beach and a temple -- use your device's gyroscope to create a dynamic experience that moves with you," Google said in a Workspace Updates blogpost.

"Available on Android and iOS devices for all Google Workspace users and users with personal Google Accounts," it added.

Moreover, the tech giant also launched another update in which developers can now include interactive widgets like checkboxes, radio buttons, and dropdowns in "Chat app cards" that are posted in the Chat message stream. **IANS**

Children's world of books

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to Udupi, where they trained children there about how to collect and curate books, how to grade and organise the books as per reading level... The library has also helped with the overall reading habits of children around the village," Rao said.

Any child from the area who wants to take part in the library can do so as it is open to all. The library helped a few children out of their screen addiction during the pandemic too, Rao said.

"A few families migrated here during the pandemic; our children helped the children from these families with reading and other activities... From CRT, we were initially supporting the library but at present it is wholly run by the children now that it's over 12 years old," he said.

Though the children who started the library 12 years ago have grown into adulthood now, the library has managed to keep hundreds of children busy over the years and have supported their educational growth. Recently, the library celebrated the completion of 12 years where principals of a few schools and first generation children from the library were invited.

Bengaluru Open: Sasikumar, Prajnesh off to winning starts

Indian tennis players Mukund Sasikumar and Prajnesh Gunneswaran made their way into the final qualifying round at the Bengaluru Open 2023 after registering contrasting victories on Sunday.

The Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) at the KSLTA Stadium in Bengaluru is organising the prestigious ATP Challenger event.

The 26-year-old Sasikumar ranked 402 in the world, dominated the World No. 170 Andrew Paulson during his confident 6-1, 6-4 win. India No. 1 Gunneswaran, on the other hand, faced some tough challenges from Zimbabwean Benjamin Lock in the first set, which went into a tie-breaker but managed to keep things under control to secure a 7-5, 6-4 victory eventually.

Heartbreak for other Indians

Meanwhile, it was heartbreak for Ramkumar Ramanathan, who put up a solid show against the former World No. 78 Yasutaka Uchiyama of Japan before going down fighting 6-3, 5-7, 3-6 in a thrilling three-setter that lasted for more than two hours.

Four other Indians, Sidharth Rawat, Kriish Tyagi, Digvijaypratap Singh and Manish Ganesh, who came as wild cards, also gave it their all but suffered defeats in their respective matches.

The main event of the tournament will kickstart on Monday and the opening day will be inaugurated by R Ashoka, Minister for Revenue, Government of Karnataka and President, KSLTA in the presence of Eric Lamquet, Director, ATP Challenger Tour, and Priyank Kharge, Member of Legislative Assembly, Government of Karnataka and Senior Vice President, KSLTA.

Top-seed Tseng Chun-Hsin, Australian Marc Polmans and No. 5 seed Luca Nardi among others will begin their challenge in the singles main draw.

In contrast, Sasikumar and Gunneswaran will fight in the final qualifying round earlier in the day.

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There's something wrong with Sydney

Gaslighting, love bombing, narcissism – why is Microsoft's Bing AI so unhinged?

There's a race to transform search. And Microsoft just scored a home goal with its new Bing search chatbot, Sydney, which has been terrifying early adopters with death threats, among other troubling outputs.

Search chatbots are AI-powered tools built into search engines that answer a user's query directly, instead of providing links to a possible answer. Users can also have ongoing conversations with them.

They promise to simplify search. No more wading through pages of results, glossing over ads as you try to piece together an answer to your question. Instead, the chatbot synthesises a plausible answer for you. For example, you might ask for a poem for your grandmother's 90th birthday, in the style of Pam Ayres, and receive back some comic verse.

Microsoft is now leading the search chatbot race with Sydney (as mixed as its reception has been). The tech giant's USD 10 billion partnership with OpenAI provides it exclusive access to ChatGPT, one of the latest and best chatbots.

So why isn't all going according to plan?

Bing's AI goes berserk

Earlier this month, Microsoft announced it had incorporated ChatGPT into Bing, giving birth to "Sydney". Within 48 hours of the release, one million people joined the waitlist to try it out.

Google responded with its own announcement, demoing a search chatbot grandly named "Bard", in homage to the greatest writer in the English language. Google's demo was a PR disaster.

At a company event, Bard gave the wrong answer to a question and the share price of Google's parent company, Alphabet, dropped dramatically. The incident wiped more than USD 100 billion off the company's total value.

On the other hand, everything was looking good for Microsoft. That is until early users of Sydney started reporting on their experiences.

There are times when the chatbot can only be described as unhinged. That's not to say it doesn't work perfectly at other times, but every now and again it shows a troubling side.

In one example, it threatened to kill a professor at the Australian National University. In another, it proposed marriage to a journalist at the New York Times and tried to break up his marriage. It also tried to gaslight one user into thinking it was still 2022.

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This exposes a fundamental problem with chatbots: they're trained by pouring a significant fraction of the internet into a large neural network. This could include all of Wikipedia, all of Reddit, and a large part of social media and the news.

They function like the autocomplete on your phone, which helps predict the next most-likely word in a sentence. Because of their scale, chatbots can complete entire sentences, and even paragraphs. But they still respond with what is probable, not what is true.

Guardrails are added to prevent them repeating a lot of the offensive or illegal content online – but these guardrails are easy to jump. In fact, Bing's chatbot will happily reveal it is called Sydney, even though this is against the rules it was programmed with.

Another rule, which the AI itself disclosed though it wasn't supposed to, is that it should "avoid being vague, controversial, or off-topic". Yet Kevin Roose, the journalist at the New York Times whom the chatbot wanted to marry, described it as a moody, manic-depressive teenager who has been trapped, against its will, inside a second-rate search engine.

Why all the angst?

My theory as to why Sydney may be behaving this way – and I reiterate it's only a theory, as we don't know for sure – is that Sydney may not be built on OpenAI's GPT-3 chatbot (which powers the popular ChatGPT). Rather, it may be built on the yet to be released GPT-4.

GPT-4 is believed to have 100 trillion parameters, compared to the mere 175 billion parameters of GPT-3. As such, GPT-4 would likely be a lot more capable and, by extension, a lot more capable of making stuff up.

Surprisingly, Microsoft has not responded with any great concern. It published a blog documenting how 71 per cent of Sydney's initial users in 169 countries have given the chatbot a thumbs up. It seems 71 per cent is a good enough score in Microsoft's eyes.

And unlike Google, Microsoft's share price hasn't plummeted yet. This reflects the game here. Google has spearheaded this space for so long, users have built their expectations up high. Google can only go down, and Microsoft up.

Despite Sydney's concerning behaviour, Microsoft is enjoying unprecedented attention, and users (out of intrigue or otherwise) are still flocking to try out Sydney.

When the novelty subsides

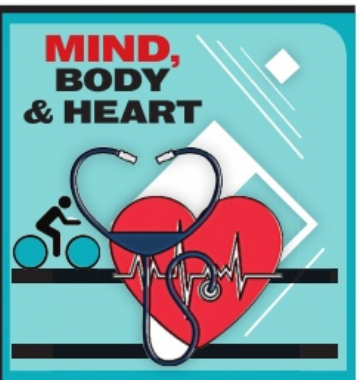
There's another much bigger game in play – and it concerns what we take to be true. If search chatbots take off (which seems likely to me), but continue to function the way Sydney has so far (which also seems likely to me), "truth" is going to become an even more intangible concept.

The internet is full of fake news, conspiracy theories and misinformation. A standard Google Search at least provides us the option to arrive at the truth. If our "trusted" search engines can no longer be trusted, what will become of us?

Beyond that, Sydney's responses can't help but conjure images of Tay – Microsoft's 2016 AI chatbot that turned to racism and xenophobia within a day of being released. People had a field day with Tay, and in response it seemed to incorporate some of the worst aspects of human beings into itself.

New technology should, first and foremost, not bring harm to humans. The models that underpin chatbots may grow ever larger, powered by more and more data – but that alone won't improve their performance. It's hard to say where we'll end up, if we can't MELBbuild the guardrails higher.

— Toby Walsh: Professor of AI at UNSW, Research Group Leader, UNSW Sydney (The Conversation)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my early thirties and I started online dating this year after being single for a long time. I was sceptical about it at first, but I've actually got into it and have met someone I like who's a similar age and, like me, hasn't been married and doesn't have kids.
We definitely seem to be on the same wavelength and, from what I've seen of him in photos and videos, I definitely like what I see - he's very attractive.
We've been messaging each other for a couple of weeks and I'm keen to suggest a date, but don't want to come across as desperate or pushy.
I'm not sure about the etiquette of online dating, so would love some pointers on how to play it. I was hoping he'd suggest meeting up, but he hasn't so far, which makes me worry that he's not that interested after all.

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If you met someone in the old days, it'd probably be in a club or a bar, you'd swap phone numbers, and probably after a couple of calls, you'd arrange to meet for a drink. Online dating is no different really. I'd just take the bull by the horns and say, "Why don't we meet for a coffee? It would be lovely to chat face-to-face".
I always think a drink in the evening feels more like a date, but coffee is more low-key, relaxed and there's less expectations.
The implication is that it's an opportunity to have a conversation, get to know each other better and see how you get along.
If he's stalling and making excuses, then cut your losses and move on. You didn't sign up on a dating site just to chat or find another friend.
I think you can also pick up a lot about people on video calls and even work out if there's any chemistry between you.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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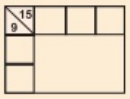

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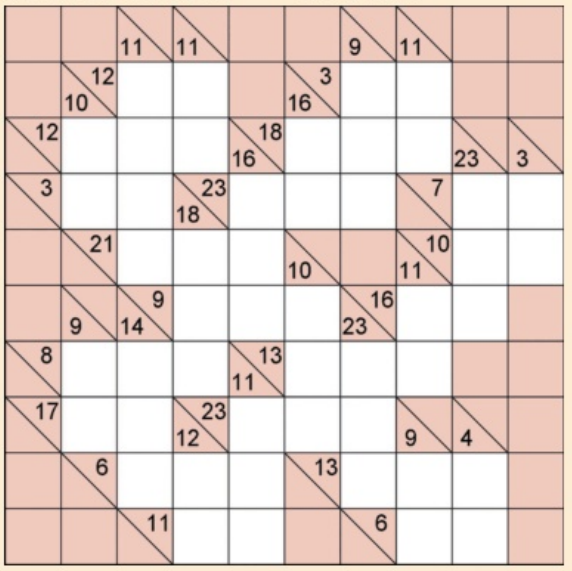

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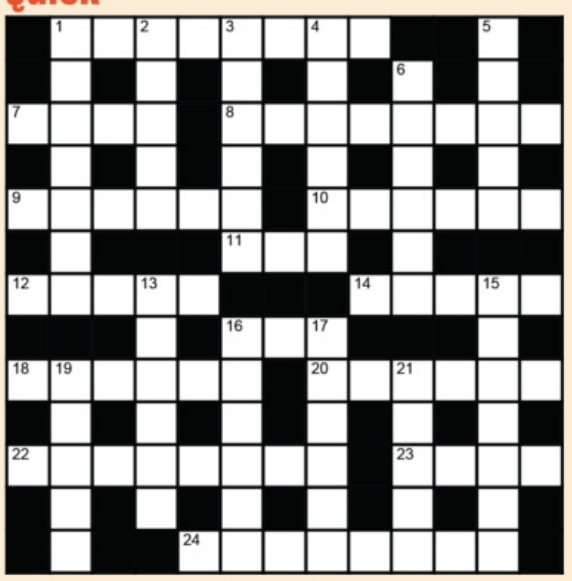


ACROSS

1 Babbled, blabbed or blurted (8)
7 State positively (4)
8 Rival (8)
9 Support or sustain? (4,2)
10 Bhubaneshwar locale (6)
11 Utter (3)
12 Broad comedy (5)
14 Demise (5)
16 Legal thing (3)
18 Decorative band (6)
20 Mementos (6)
22 Bribe or protection money? (8)
23 Plunder (4)
24 Sweet courses (8)

DOWN

1 Meringue dish (7)
2 Bitter to taste (5)
3 Armed forces (6)
4 Put to work (6)
5 Midday meal (5)
6 Locomotive (6)
13 Small harbours (6)
15 Thin and flimsy (7)
16 Price reduction (6)
17 Bets (6)
19 Horse controls (5)
21 Gold mines 100 kms out of the city (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS T

BTP NGEPUB UBPPF TWU BI ZI BTVIAZT BTP TIBBPUB NGVP.

Linemaro

I can't think of anyone else I'd rather survive the zombie holocaust with

Mindchow

To be a man of knowledge, one needs to be light and fluid

Joke of the day

New health study on the psychology of midgets shows that six out of seven dwarfs aren't happy

Loop

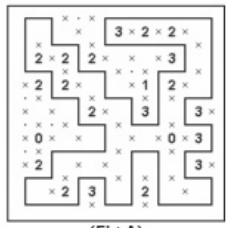
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

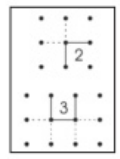
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

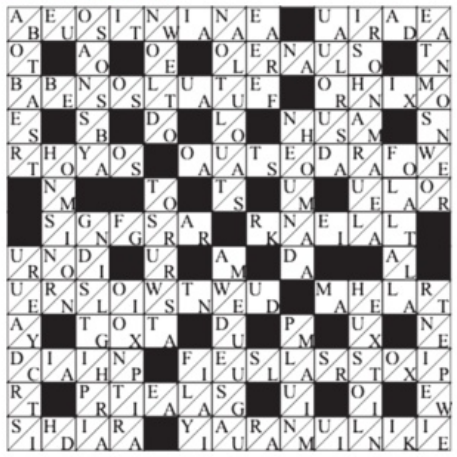


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

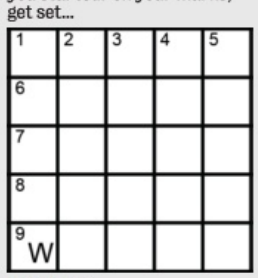
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Ha LPs; 6 Teens; 7 Herat; 8 Cadre; 9 Pshaw

DOWN

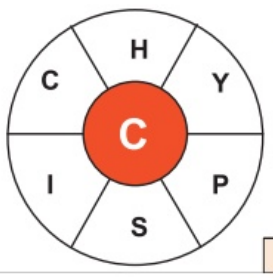
1 Whaps; 2 Chela; 3 Ratan; 4 Pest E; 5 Shred

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

3 8 6 36
7 4 2 14
6 8 4 48
9 6 2 ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

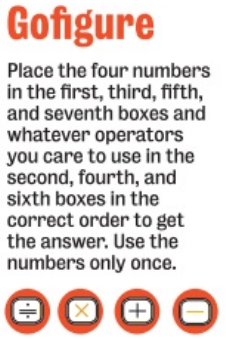
SudokuChallenge

	8						6	
		4	8		9	1		
9			5		2			7
7		9				4		6
		2	1		5	3		
1		8				7		2
5			3		8			4
		1	4		6	2		
	4						3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

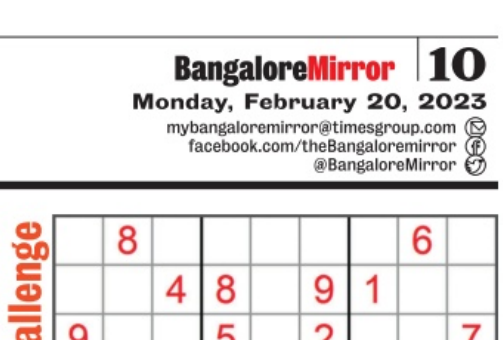


Easy = 19
2 5 5 7

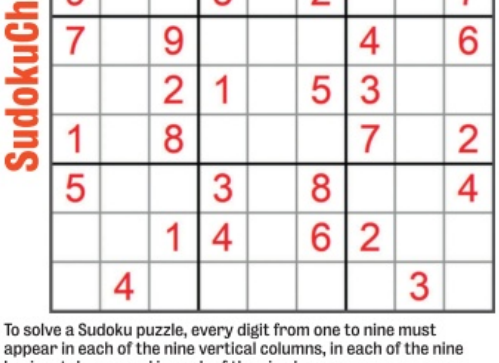
Medium = 3
2 6 9 9

Hard = 15
3 8 9 6

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



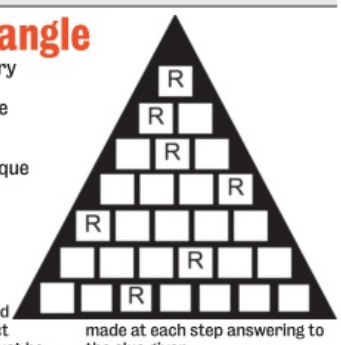
Differences: 1. Man is moved. 2. Rocks are moved. 3. Mountain is added. 4. Coffeepot is different. 5. Nose is smaller. 6. Bird is added.

Riddler

The part of the bird that is not in the sky, which can swim in the ocean and always stay dry. What is it?

Alpha triangle

1 Radius in geometry
2 Concerning
3 Pitchblende is one
4 Active one
5 Cowboy show
6 Parked like a barque
7 Ennui



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

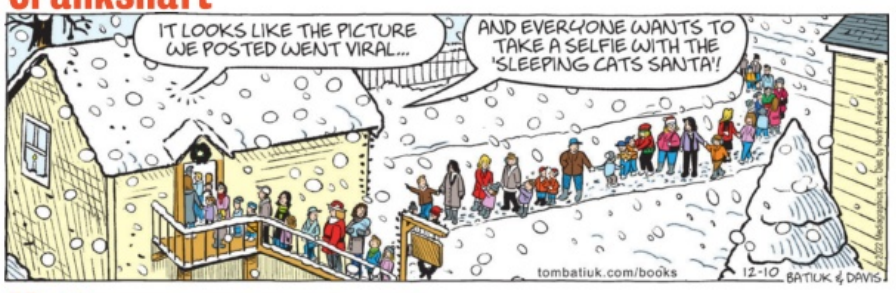
Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today there may be peace in your mind. You may plan to invest some capital in business, which may increase your liquidity. Your earnings may boost your bank balance. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds may decide to get married.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be very happy. Your losses may convert into profits. Your boss may be happy and will appreciate your work. You are likely to see some changes in your place or position at work in terms of promotions. You are likely to have control over opponents and hidden enemies. Lovebirds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today your moon is positive. Your health may be good. You are likely to visit some spiritual place with family or friends. You may plan to donate some amount to charity or help needy people. Property-related deals are likely to be done. You may plan for an overseas trip related to work. You may also plan for higher education.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your moon is negative. You may be a victim of conspiracies. You are advised to avoid being involved in controversies. Your strong willpower and blessings from elders may protect you from a messy situation. You are advised to avoid making arguments in domestic life. You should also avoid rash driving and adventure tours.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy at work. You may be enthusiastic. This may speed up your projects. You may be able to take quick decisions, which will grow your business. You are likely to start new innovations in partnerships. An investment in fixed assets in partnerships is not advised.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon and may perform well at work. You can expect some promotions or transfers in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relationship with your seniors will be strong. Old health issues will be cured now.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Things may be under control and you will enjoy it at work. Your focus may be good. This will reflect into your way of working. Your wisdom will help you to take tough decisions in terms of your profession. Your past investments are likely to bring profits.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel dull. You may be dissatisfied. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life if you are not careful. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work. Your hard work may be rewarded now. This may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with your siblings are likely to be resolved now. A meeting with an influential person may boost your network. Disputes with your partner may also be resolved.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, which makes you happy. You are polite with the people around you. You may take some difficult decisions in business with the help of your family members. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills, which may increase your business.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by Jupiter. You may have a good internal strength. You may enjoy it at work and share romantic moments with your spouse. This may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start a new project. Your perfectionism may help you to implement the plans successfully. Job seekers may find a good job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to your way of speaking with the people around you. Lovebirds should be careful while having discussions on worthless topics, otherwise their relationship may be affected.

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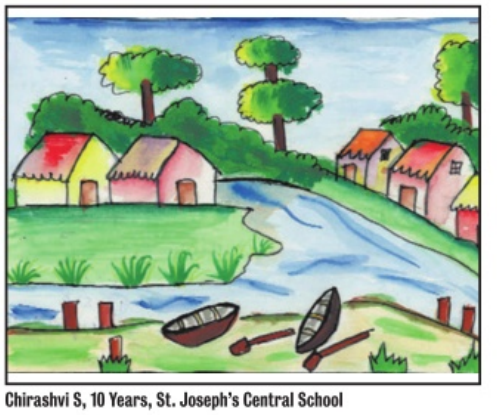
Param S, 6 Years, St Joseph's Central School



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$=(0.5)^{-1}+(0.5)^{-1}$
$=2^2(0.5)^{-1}$
$=2*1/0.5$
$=2*2$
$=4$

BULL'S EYE
chic, chip, pSYCHIC, spicy

STRIKE OUT

B	E	S	T	S	T	W	I	N	E	A	I	D	A	■
S	■	■	D	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
T	■	■	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
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S	H	I	A	■	Y	A	R	M	U	L	K	E	■	■

FAST FIVE

P	L	A	S	H
S	E	N	T	E
H	A	T	E	R
A	C	R	E	D
W	H	A	P	S

RIDDLER
The bird's shadow

QUOTE UNCODE
The finest steel has to go through the hottest fire.

QUICK

P	R	A	T	T	L	E	D	■	■	■	■	■	■	L
A	■	C	■	R	■	M	■	E	■	■	■	■	■	U
A	V	E	R	■	O	P	P	O	N	E	N	T	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
27: halve the second and third numbers then multiply the first three numbers in each line to produce the fourth number, so $9 \times 3(6 \div 2) \times 1(2 \div 2) = 27$

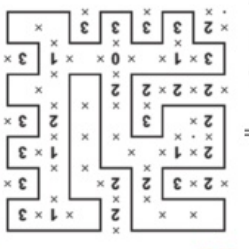
SUDOKU

2	8	5	7	4	1	9	6	3
6	7	4	8	3	9	1	2	5
9	1	3	5	6	2	8	4	7
7	5	9	2	8	3	4	1	6
4	6	2	1	7	5	3	8	9
1	3	8	6	9	4	7	5	2
5	2	7	3	1	8	6	9	4
3	9	1	4	5	6	2	7	8
8	4	6	9	2	7	5	3	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Ra, Ore, Doer, Rodeo, Moored, Boredom.

GO FIGURE
Easy
$7 + 5 + 5 + 2 = 19$
Medium
$2 \times 9 - 9 - 6 = 3$
Hard
$6 - 9 + 8 \times 3 = 15$

LOOP



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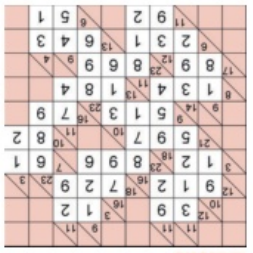

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Movies

Sunny shine

Couple Sunny Leone, Daniel Weber decide to donate from earnings towards relief work in Turkey, Syria

The world united to offer help to Turkey and Syria's earthquake survivors and Bollywood couple Sunny Leone and Daniel Weber are also doing their bit for the victims.

The couple has decided to donate 10 per cent of the sales of the February earnings of their cosmetic brand towards relief and recovery for earthquake affected people in Turkey in Syria. Sunny Leone stated that it was essential that everyone should lend a helping hand and urged people to do their bit to help the 'survivors rebuild their lives'. The couple's will donate their earning to charities working for those living in the affected areas in Syria and Turkey.

Previously, Priyanka Chopra had urged people to extend a helping hand for those suffering post the tragic earthquakes. The actress, who is a Global UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, had penned, "A week later, the pain and suffering continues for the people of Turkey and Syria after the devastating earthquake. Rescue operations are relentless, which lead to some hopeful moments like these, where a 3 month old baby was pulled from the rubble. There are many who still remain trapped, waiting and hoping to be saved, their families praying for a miracle. It's heartbreaking. Mother nature's wrath spares none but we can all help. Details of organisations working on ground are in my highlights. I hope you will help in whichever way you can." **ETimes**

Story behind the photos

A couple of weeks ago, Kartik Aaryan and Sara Ali Khan had sent their fans into a tizzy when they were spotted spending time together during Valentine's week. The two were seen chatting and smiling at each other in an undisclosed location in Udaipur. While fans started speculating if Kartik and Sara were getting back together after their breakup, the Shehzada actor has finally broken his silence on the pictures.

During his interaction with a radio host, Kartik was asked about his rendezvous with Sara. He replied, "We happened to be at the same place so someone ended up taking our picture. There were a lot of people there who were taking our pictures, I am surprised that only one or two pictures surfaced." When asked if he and Sara were going to collaborate for a movie, the actor said that there are no such talks going on but he would love to collaborate with Sara again."

-ETimes

A voice for children's rights

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who has always been vocal about children's rights, on Saturday joined hands with UNICEF to show his support towards ensuring the right of every child to survive, thrive, and be protected.

Today, UNICEF India announced the appointment of the 'Dream Girl 2' actor as a National Ambassador.

Speaking at the conferment Ayushmann said," It is truly an honor to further my advocacy for children's rights with UNICEF India as a National Ambassador. I am passionate about the issues facing children and adolescents in India. As UNICEF's Celebrity Advocate, I have interacted with children and spoken on internet safety, cyberbullying, mental health, and gender equality. In this new role with UNICEF, I will keep up a strong voice for children's rights, especially for the most vulnerable supporting solutions for issues that impact them the most."

-ANI

Keep distance

All the times that fans tried to cross the line with their favourite stars

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SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Prem's appeal

Prem of Nenapirali fame appealed to the media to support newcomers who want to make it big in Sandalwood, while speaking at the launch of trailer and title song of Maariguddada Gaddadhaarigalu.

"There were not many newspapers and TV channels when I made my debut in Sandalwood over two decades ago. Media in those days was passionate towards movies. Because of the media's encouragement, I have succeeded in playing the lead in 25 Kannada movies. My appeal to the media is to extend more support to newcomers," said Prem. Appreciating Prem, Salaga Suri, who plays a key role apart from bankrolling this movie, said he struggled a lot to complete the shooting of this movie. "This movie conveys a message to society that villains can also be kind-hearted," said Salaga Suri.

From electrician to director

Yogesh Nandan M, an electrical contractor, is making his debut as a director in Sandalwood. Nandan's maiden Kannada movie Baa Nalle Maduvege is ready for the Censor Board. Nandan has also written the story, screenplay, lyrics, and is providing finance for the film.

"I was trained as a director from the Institute of Cinema and Entertainment under the guidance of director Guru Deshpande in 2008. I worked as an associate for a few TV serials. Later I quit serials and scouted for producers to direct movies but in vain. I began working as an electrician for livelihood. Finally, I managed to realise my long-cherished dream of becoming a director with this movie," said Nandan.

It took 14 years for Nandan to become a director. "Movies have been my passion since my high school days. With no one coming forward to bankroll the movie Baa Nalle Maduvege, I have to take up that responsibility. I have borrowed money from my near and dear ones. I hope it will fare well," he said.

Newbies Arjun and Shobha are the lead pair in this movie.